

## House Resolution No. 4684

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished himself through many years of excellence in fire protection; and

**Whereas**, William Atkinson officially retired as Captian of the St. Joseph Fire Department in June of 2007 after thirty-four years of exceptional service and dedication; and

**Whereas**, during his impressive tenure, Captain Atkinson responded to emergencies ranging from medical and citizen assistance to Haz Mat, vehicle extracation, and single family and multi-alarm fires; and

**Whereas**, in his role as Rescue 10 Captain, Captain Atkinson was responsible for an area that covered half of the City of St. Joseph for fire and the other half as a rehab officer; and

**Whereas**, Captain Atkinson was awarded the Silver Medal of Valor by the St. Joseph Fire Department for his assistance in an alarm fire at 2610 Frederick Avenue, where he rescued a female victim with no backup or hose lines; and

**Whereas**, a member of Firefighters Local 77, IAFF, and AFL-CIO, Captain Atkinson was integral in establishing Charity Bingo, which has helped support the Second Harvest Food Bank, MDA, Dream Factory, and many other organizations and people in need over the past twenty years; and

**Whereas**, Captain Atkinson has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, Ramona; and his three children, Jason, Ira, and Amanda:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Captain Atkinson for his thirty-four years of unparalleled service to the St. Joseph Fire Department; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Captain William Atkinson.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Ed Wildberger  
District No. 27

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 4684, adopted September 10, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker